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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to use this opportunity to extend my support for the settlement concluded between Microsoft and the Justice Department last year. I believe the agreement is good for citizens as it allows both sides to focus their attention to other matters.

The settlement is extremely stringent and will require many changes from Microsoft. One good example is Microsoft's agreement to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. To assure compliance with the settlement's provisions, Microsoft has agreed to the formation of a Technical Committee to monitor Microsoft. This committee will also take complaints from third parties who feel Microsoft is not complying with their obligations.

In the long run, I think the settlement will also be beneficial to our economy. It will free Microsoft to focus their attention on developing new products that will boost efficiency and productivity. Also, by taking no further action at the federal level, the government will be able to use resources for more urgent matters. This company has brought us into the 21st century in a fashion we could only have imagined twenty years ago. When are we going to stop punishing success? Lets put an end to this and get on with life!

cc: Representative William Delahunt

Sincerely,

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